

A picture sold at Christie's has a peculiar interest. It is a portrait of Lord Byron.

R. A., T. G. Wainewright was assisting the artist in his studio, and painted this por-

particular portrait on his own account. This circumstance was related to the late Mr. Cooke by Henry W. Phillips, the artist's son. This is the same Wainwright whose career as a poisoner and forger was such a cause of notoriety for years, and whose extraordinary exploits afforded subject for Dickens's "Hunted Down" and for Lytton's "Lucretia."

THE OLD LOVE.

At the Marblebone Police Court, a comely, fair-complexioned woman named Elizabeth Taylor, 40, dressed in mourning, and described as married, of Marblebone-road, was charged before Mr. Montagu Williams, Q.C., with ringing the bell and knocking at the door of John William Allen, a horse-dealer, of Montagu Mews, Seymour-place, Marblebone, with a view to adultery.—Mr. Frank Palmer, solicitor who appeared for the prosecutor, said his client did not wish to punish the accused, only that she should give an undertaking not to annoy him again.—The prisoner here burst into tears, and was allowed to have a seat in the dock.—The magistrate said he must hear something about the matter.—The prosecutor said he had been living with the prisoner. Because of her intemperate habits he had been obliged to remove his furniture and leave her. Since then she had greatly annoyed him, and on Saturday she rang his bell and knocked at his door. She followed him up the mews, and said she meant to follow him "to the end of the world."—The Magistrate: You have lived with her—for how long?—Prosecutor: One year.—The Magistrate: Has she any children by you?—The Prosecutor: No.—The Magistrate: Did you do anything for her when she left you?—The Prosecutor: I did not.—The Prisoner (weeping): I was turned out.—The Magistrate: I dismiss the case.

DYNAMITE OUTRAGE IN PARIS.

A dynamite outrage was committed in Paris early on Monday morning. It is believed that, in revenge for the execution of four Anarchists at Xeres, it was intended to blow up the Hotel de Ville. The explosion, however, was made as to its locality, and the explosion of a tin canister occurred near the mansion of the Princess de Sagan. Her concierge has been very much injured, and considerable damage has been done to property.

MADAME PATTI AND THE MANAGER.

The case of the St. Petersburg impresario Czetz against Madame Patti, for breach of contract, came before the Upper Court of Judicature on Monday. It was an appeal of Czetz, who had been nonsuited in the Lower Court. On Monday his decision went against him. He said that he had been well remembered that Czetz distrained on Madame Patti's jewels and other property when she was giving concerts in Berlin last year.

The gable of an unoccupied house at Duna fell in on Wednesday, and three children were buried in the ruins. Two of them were got out uninjured, but the third was killed.

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But this brilliant victory has still wider importance. Ever since 1886 the Glad.

tonites have been quietly and patiently working throughout Turrey in the hope of capturing some seats at the general election. Not a stone has been left unturned, nor any expense or trouble grudged in pursuit of that object, and when the Chertsey seat became vacant, they recognised it as a capital opportunity for testing their electoral strength in the county at large. That test has now been applied, and the result does not say much for the success of the Separatist propagandists. Beaten by an overwhelming majority in a field of their own choosing, and with exceptional advantages on their side, they may well despair of making any impression.

tion on the impregnable Unionist position in Surrey.

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THE "CORNER" IN COAL.

By the decision of the Durham miners to reject the proposals of their employers for a reduction of wages an enormous addition is made to the numbers of the men who profess to be going to leave of work at the end of next week. The total number of miners in the county of Durham is about 70,000; and if these unite with the Northumberland men who are nearly 50,000 in number, to obey the orders of the Miners' Federation, almost half the entire number of miners in the whole kingdom will

indulge in the threatened fortnight's "play." In the face of such a prospect it is no wonder that the public, especially in London, have been seized with a sort of panic. They have been told that a coal famine is imminent, and the coal merchants have not been backward in exhortations to them to get in a supply of coal while it can be had on something like reasonable terms. Meanwhile the terms have become quite the reverse of reasonable. Indeed the retail price of coal, as bought by the hundredweight by the poorer classes of consumers has advanced quite a hundred per cent. within the past few days. It is needless to insist upon the terrible significance of such a rise in the price of a first

necessity of life in the present return to wintry weather. What, then, can be done to allay the existing panic? To begin with, we may impress upon our readers that the rise in prices, however considerable, cannot be of long duration. The scarcity of coal, if it comes at all, will be the deliberate work of the miners, with whom we may add, the connivance of many of their employers. Like all "corners," this one is destined to collapse, because it is an attempt to create an artificial condition of prices in defiance of the laws of supply and demand. We would, therefore, strongly recommend householders not to play in the hands of the manufacturers of the "corner" by ordering in large supplies of coal, to many of them, before prices

done. On the contrary, the obvious thing to do is to buy just as little as possible and to wait for the inevitable collapse of an attempt which does not even profess to be going to last beyond the end of the present month. That is the best way to reduce the price of coal, and to put an end to the present excitement.

THE TRAMWAY QUESTION.

We venture to doubt very strongly whether the latest energetic electioneering dodge of the Progressist party in the now extinct County Council will do much service to its cause. The dodge consisted in loudly advocating, in the House of Commons last night, a scheme for buying tram-

Monday, the scheme for bridging
ways over Westminster Bridge and along
the Victoria Embankment to Charing
Cross. The advisability of that step has
unfortunately been made a prey to
we scarcely think that working men
would be taken in by the very transparent
fallacies of the champions of the scheme.
It is alleged that trans across the bridge
and along the Embankment would be
of great convenience to the working class
and to business people, and that it is
that they should have to walk from the
southern end of the bridge to Charing
Cross. To that we reply that, as concerning
the Embankment, it is perfectly certain
that if there were the slightest demand
for vehicles of the tram class along

that that thoroughfare it would be lo-
since have been utilised by the
omnibus companies. As to the bridg-
it is sufficient to say that nobody
obliged to walk across it, as there is al-
plentiful supply of omnibuses to take
from Charing Cross and other points. I
the fundamental objection to the sche-
is this—that it is a part of the persist-
attempt made by energetic promoters
companies to cover the streets and road-
the West-end with tramways. No one
had the trams been brought to
north-east of Westminster Bridge that
it would be declared a hardship that
it should not be carried on up Whitehall,
Charing Cross, and also to Victoria
Station. Now, whatever may be said
favour of tramways, there is this to

ruin the thoroughfares through which they pass for residential purposes. The gradual extension of tramways through the West-end would certainly tend powerfully to drive wealthy residents away from London. London trade, and working people whom it supports, cannot afford to do without those who, though "they toil not neither do they spin," least perform the very necessary part of paying those who do. We might, at a pinch, do without tramways at all in London; we cannot do without trade.

CONFESSION OF MURDER.
At Warrington on Thursday, Eollie George Lush, aged 50, was further remanded.

charged on his own confession with having murdered William Parsons, at Andover, Hampshire. In 1885 Parsons was fatally wounded at Andover. Lush states that he and another man were chastising Parsons and that he (Lush) gave him a blow on the head with a stick, inflicting injuries which terminated fatally.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "PEOPLE":
Sir,—Will you kindly allow me to correct the statement in the "People," of the 28th ult., that the Victorias are touting for funds. We have not touted for funds at any time, as we have no intention of so doing. We are, however, "touting" for men, and are offering exceptional terms.—Yours &c.,
A. E. GORDON,
Honorary recruiting secretary, Victoria Rifles,
Marlborough-place, N.W. March 2nd.

road.—Thomas Howe said that he was a resident at the New Ophthalmic Hospital.

ult. he was standing outside the building of the share capital of 28,000,000 has been paid up, except 223,256. The

amount raised by mortgage debentures is £1,981,000, leaving £496,420 of authorised borrowing powers to be exercised. From the Manchester Corporation the company

drove like mad, as he came down the wheels passing over him.—An assailed: What pace did you say the 'bus was travelling?—Witness: At a most furious pace; just like a fire engine. —Joseph Thomas Rogers, a barman, said that he was riding on the box seat of the omnibus, which was plying between the station and the town when the accident occurred. He turned into the Waterloo-road, witness saw deceased, who was crossing the road, suddenly stop and look towards the horses' heads. The driver shouted to him, and pulled up the vehicle. As deceased did not attempt to

above the omnibus was again started. Immediately thereafter the omnibus was struck by a launch and was knocked down by the pole of the bus. The wheels did not pass over him. The driver stopped at his own accord within fifteen feet of where the man fell.—By the Coroner: They were traveling at an ordinary pace. "There was no unusual cause or effect at the time." In witness's opinion the accident was unavoidable.—Several other witnesses corroborated this evidence.—P.C. 235 L. stated that he was called and conveyed the unfortunate man to the hospital in a cab. Mr. Morris, a medical attendant at receiving deceased, who was suffering from a fracture of the right thigh and pelvis. He gradually became worse and died from pneumonia following the injuries.—The jury returned a verdict of accidental death, and exonerated the driver from all blame.

AT THE ANNUAL DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES, DIPLOMAS, AND MEDALS TO THE PUPILS OF THIS COLLEGE, HELD AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. GAINSFORD BRUCE, 27, GRAFTON STREET, ON THE 27TH ULT., THERE WAS A LARGE ATTENDANCE OF PUPILS AND THEIR FRIENDS, AND THE RECIPIENTS OF HONOURS WERE VERY NUMEROUS. FROM THE DEAN'S REPORT IT APPEARED THAT A LARGE NUMBER OF PUPILS HAD ENTERED THE EXAMINATION FOR CERTIFICATES DURING THE PAST YEAR THAN IN ANY FORMER YEAR IN THE HISTORY OF THE COLLEGE, AND THAT THE PERCENTAGE OF PASSES HAD ALSO ADVANCED GRADUALLY DURING THE LAST FIVE YEARS FROM 75.3 IN 1887 TO 79.2 IN 1890 AND 84.940 IN 1891. THE CANDIDATES ENTERED FOR EXAMINATION IN 1889, 15,325; IN 1890, 16,051; IN 1891, 16,085; IN 1892, 16,051; IN 1893, 15,063. — IN OPENING THE PROCEEDINGS MR. GAINSFORD BRUCE SAID THE COLLEGE WAS TO BE CONGRATULATED ON THE RESULTS ACHIEVED DURING THE PAST YEAR.

the past year. Upwards of 16,000 candidates had presented themselves for examination, and more than 81 per cent. of these had passed. The number of students who had been examined had been examined, and so many applicants showed the high estimation in which the diploma was held in the profession. One of their chief objects was to obtain for teachers a distinct recognition of their educational status, which would be at once improved in the estimation of the public and of the State, and that none but qualified teachers were permitted in the profession. Two bills had been introduced into the house last session with the same object, and a select committee, in the deliberations of which Sir William Hart-Dyke had taken an active part, and before which a large number of accomplished instructors had given evidence, had since been passed, and the bill had been introduced, as the dean and the secretary of the college. Mr. Hodgson. The chief difficulty was that existing teachers were regarded as having vested rights. He (Mr. Bruce) had recommended the adoption of a register, upon which all existing teachers might for a limited period claim to be entered, but to be removed eventually if they could not be shown with up proof of due qualification. It would not at first, but would gradually, improve the standard of the profession.

loaded trucks was being taken towards Guildford when the train divided, a number of trucks falling over the embankment. The trucks were piled one on top of the other, the guards' mangled remains being found in the debris.

WILL OF MR. HUME WEBSTER.
The will, dated 24th March, 1880, of Mr. James Hume Webster, late of 25, Abchurch-lane, account and banker, and of Marden Grove Park, Surrey, aged 114 years, of Park-lane, who died on the 23rd January last, has been proved by the sole executrix, his wife, Mrs. Clara Jane Hume Webster, of 14, Aldford street, Park-lane, to whom the estate devolved and bequeathed all his real and personal estate and effects absolutely. The gross value of the personality has been sworn at £24,088., and the net value at nil.

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ALLEGED BREACH OF PROMISE AND SEDUCTION.

At Stratford Police Court on the 27th ult., Walter Wilson, a barrister-at-law, residing at 11, High-street, Waltham-ow, was summoned before Mr. Barclay Reynolda to show cause why he should not be adjudged the father of the illegitimate female child of Clara Evans, a single woman, of South Grove-road, Waltham-ow, and contribute towards its support. Mr. C. G. G. Pappas, for the defendant, said, and said that the case was a bad one for the defendant had deceived the young woman, promised her marriage, seduced her, and then refused to do anything for her. He first met her casually in the street, spoke to and went for a walk with her. During the walk he expressed a feeling of attachment towards her, and said he would like to marry her. Then he visited at her parents' house, and spent many hours there. The young woman also visited his parents and spent the Christmas-day of 1887 there. Under a promise of marriage he seduced her, at her parents' house, in January of last year, and a child was born on the 26th of November last. Since then he

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had told a neighbour that he would keep the "kid," as he called it, but he would not marry the girl. After hearing the evidence the bench made an order on the defendant for 2s. 6d. a week.

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"Money Talks," says an American saw. Doubtless this is why the sportive young nobleman dresses in loud checks.

It is understood that Kirkdale Prison, Liverpool, is to be final y closed as a convict establishment after the present month.

There is a prejudice against the wearing of whiskers in New York. Probably it exists only among the young shavers.

Some New York speculators have made a "big" mistake. Now the New York housewife can look out for a rise in coal.

When last week the books of the Primrose League were audited it was found that the members numbered no fewer than 1,051,770.

"My experience," says Mr. John Morley, "that nobody is capable of talking such nonsense as a clever lawyer."

Mr. Gladstone is said to receive a hundred guineas for each of his articles in the *North American Review*.

The gold and ivory tissue used in one of the dresses in "Henry VIII." at the Lyceum is said to have cost sixteen guineas a yard.

A man who studies points says that a needle is one of the most persistent forces he has seen. It always has an eye open for business, and invariably carries its point.

It has been said of Victorien Sardou that when he laughs, he is the ugliest man in Paris. It is true in his sort of Victorien-Sardou grin that he is fierce.

It is remarked that the man who possesses one of those calendars from which a leaf is to be torn every day has at least one thing to live for.

A centaurian discovered by a Scotch contemporary as never used glasses during his life. This seems to be a good argument for the temperance party.

There were sixty-one deaths in London last week which were primarily attributed to influenza, and twenty deaths in which influenza was noted as a secondary cause.

The Supreme Council of War has sentenced a soldier of the military academy in Poland to be imprisoned for life for drunk a ride about an officer.

The next house-dinner of the City Carlton Club will take place on Wednesday, the 25th of March, when Sir Edward Clarke, Solicitor-general, will preside.

At a meeting of the Institution of Civil Engineers, Dr. Werner von Siemens, Field-Marshal Sir J. L. A. Simmons, and Sir G. G. Stokes, M.P., were elected honorary members.

The good service pension of £150 a year for a captain rendered vacant by the promotion to the rank of major of the late Lord B. has been awarded to Captain John B. Warren.

Sir John Dorington, Bart., M.P., has been appointed a Commissioner in Lunacy. It is understood that Dr. Needham, of Harrowood House, Gloucester, will succeed Dr. Allbutt as medical commissioner.

It is stated that Mr. Henry Nevill Denning, First Secretary of Embassy at Rome, has been offered and has accepted the post of Diplomatic Agent and Consul-general at Sofia, in the room of Mr. Nicholas Enderick O'Connor.

John McFadyen, a Glasgow labourer, who was instantaneously killed on the steamer Mount Hebron. A gilder, weighing four tons, was hoisted aboard, when a chain snapped and the derrick fell on him.

There were sixty-eight deaths from smallpox in London last week, sixteen from scarlet fever, thirty from diphtheria, sixty-nine from whooping-cough, seven from enteric fever, and seventeen from diarrhoea and dysentery.

Is it not singular that so many girls are employed in our post-offices? Apart from all questions as to the incivility or incompetence of the post-office damsel, is there clearly out of place. Main help is that is wanted.

The latest trick in "corners" is the "corner" of the London undertakers. Those who lacked the foresight to die before the "corner" about will now have to pay 20 per cent. more for their coffins.

Most of the papers have commented upon Lord Randolph Churchill's wealth of beard. *Morningfree* wonders that he has any at all considering the many "close shaves" he had in Mashonaland.

American papers tell of a San Francisco woman who is a crack on hiking. She is travelling to New York, she kissed every conductor, fireman, and other railroad official she could. But the bus is the means of locomotion she prefers.

Considerable anxiety has been caused among Liverpool merchants trading with the West Coast of Africa owing to the intelligence that the Eghra, who occupy Abokota, have entirely closed the trade route, and that the Johnie have also closed the road through the country.

Telegrams received at New York from Milwaukee announced a disastrous accident to a Milwaukee train near that city, on the Chicago, Milwaukee, and St. Paul Railway. The train is said to have been completely wrecked, six persons being killed and at least thirty injured.

At King's County Assizes, sentence was pronounced by the Lord Chief Justice on a Mahab T.C., who had been found guilty of a criminal libel on Mr. Powell, late editor and proprietor of the *Midland Tribune*. The court required to give security for good behaviour towards Mr. Powell for twelve months.

Mr. J. B. Birch, A.R.A., the sculptor, who, almost completed his bronze set representing the death of Lieutenant Hamilton while fighting as Major Cavagnari at the massacre of Cabul. Lieutenant Hamilton is known down six men before he was mortally wounded and he is depicted at the moment when he received his death wound. This work is to be erected in Dublin by public subscription.

At Torquay, the wedding took place of the daughter of the late Mr. Dawson, St. Michael's, and Miss Katharine Elizabeth Dring, daughter of General Charles C. Dring, of Kenilworth, Torquay. The wedding was of much such as is seen with a court train, triumph, and a procession of Claret and orange blossom. There were three bridesmaids and Mrs. Dawson the matron. For the Contract:

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The title of his address "The Future of University Extension in London."

The Caledonian Railway Company have declared a dividend of 4½ per cent. and the Glasgow and South-Western of 8½ per cent., against 3½ and 3½ per cent. respectively.

On St. David's Day, the students at Elton College opened their aquatic season with the customary procession of boats, which was witnessed by a large number of spectators.

Slimor Feli has booked his passage for Australia by that new-fangled floating palace, the Ophir, which leaves Tilbury on March 10th.

Mr. Howal Walter Williams, late proprietor of the *Cambrian*, the first newspaper published in Wales, died on the 26th ult. at Swansea.

Miss Emily Yeamans, an actress, died at New York on the 29th ult. Miss Yeamans was born in Australia, and was 32 years of age.

Among the petitions lodged at the private bill office at the House of Commons is one against the Epsom De-nat Extension Parkway, which will be long enough the "straight mile" of the Epsom racecourse.

A special report on the present state of the Liverpool water supply was presented at the meeting of the water committee on Tuesday, but its import was understood to be so serious that it was not disclosed to the Press.

The dog who stole his master's watch and deposited it in his bone store in the back yard has been re-named "Procrastination." The explanation of this joke has been put up in pamphlet form for the convenience of Scotch farmers.

The German Emperor will take a trip to the north in July, and the arrangements for the journey have been submitted to his Majesty by Dr. Guaseldt, the traveller. The party will have some eagle-shooting and whaling, and pay a visit to the Island of Skjaerovoe.

(During the past month nineteen certificates of naturalisation were granted by the Home Secretary under the provisions of the Naturalisation Act, 1870. Of the nineteen alien names are described as coming from Russia—seven from Germany, one each from Austria, France, and Holland.)

In Japan the peony is (as the *Horticulturist* remarks) cultivated in long, sheltered beds, remarkably lying beneath one or two chief rooms of the house, from which its splendid blossoms can be surveyed. It often bears blossoms nine inches or more in diameter.

George C. Grumbling, of Nineveh, Pennsylvania, while sitting near the fireplace, laid his throat by thrusting his head through a window and sawing his neck against the broken glass. He subsequently tore out the splinters which were placed in the wound and died.

After a young woman of Danbury, Conn., had purchased her wedding trousseau, she, on Thursday, before ceremony, invited the guests and allowed the betrothed to purchase the marriage licence, she subsequently changed her mind, and said she "guessed she didn't want to get married just yet."

A stirring chorus among the addition that Mr. Cunliffe literally has been recently called by his specialty "Venice, the Bride of the Sea." Another new feature which is being added in the shape of gondolas racing, for which special arrangements are being made.

Mr. J. Newberry, of Warrington, Surrey, has offered the direct vote of the London Missionary Society to contribute £200 per annum or not less than three pence towards the cost of carrying on a mission to the region round Lake Nauman, in Central South Africa. The offer has been accepted.

Mr. Cunningham Graham declares that the House party is so ill-represented in the House of Commons that if he were to find his hat out of the Strangers' Gallery it would do him no harm; if he were to see a Tory landowner on the one side of the House, or on the bald head of a bloated capitalist on the other.

At the Worcestershire Assizes, before Justice Hawkins, Henry Woodhouse, procurator, of Worcester, was charged with the attempted murder of himself, and then was found guilty of unlawful wounding, and was sentenced to six months imprisonment.

The annual ward meetings of the Birmingham Liberal Unionist Association were held on Tuesday night. Great enthusiasm was shown in view of the coming general election. At two of the meetings Mr. G. Dixon, M.P., spoke, and Mr. Austen Chamberlain was the principal speaker at another.

A well-earned compliment has been paid to King Humbert to the eminent vocal professor and conductor, Signor Benigno, who on Monday recited the lyrics of the Italian Song of the Cross, of Knight of the Order of St. Charles of Italy. Signor Benigno is a native of Trieste, and for nearly forty years he has been settled in London.

Some commotion was caused in the Canadian Senate during the discussion of the Address when Mr. Boulton, hitherto an ardent Protectionist, declared himself in favour of free trade, and strongly urged the Government to take measures to meet the duties of the Canadian people, notably in the case of woolens and iron.

One of Madame Bernhardt's costumes, and she wore it in a New York theatre, is of ivory skin, with the bodice profusely ornamented with diamonds and turquoises. It is reported that 250 animals were required to provide sufficient skins to fabricate it, and that the value of the suit is estimated at £10,000.

Dr. Collingridge's report on the sanitary condition of the City of London informed the Corporation that the water companies had recently added the body of a dead man, which was cast ashore at Greenwich, to those already proceeding slowly and fearfully down the river for interesting objects, and, under circumstances, it had to be buried by the Port Authorities at a cost of £12.

The announcement which has gone forth of the press that the *Illustrated London News* has been formed is a liability of many years ago to consider the matter. It is now clear that the fact that the *Journal Review* is the hands of the family, founder, the late Mr. Herbert Ingram, that its appearance as a company is inevitable change of great convenience, and that it is a fact that one of the finest papers is a matter.

Does any one leave a writer in an Institution have led the story of the resignation after a careful investigation of the position in which it was the cause of the resignation. But the following original news was it printed:—An officer of a high grade was accused of complaining about the situation of a tank, and then was told that the next day good soldiers floating

to sign and cognate as non-political.

Sir Ignor Biancheri, the President of the Italian Chamber, died on Wednesday.

Richard Taylor, station-master at Cliffe, near Gravesend, on the South-Eastern Railway, has committed suicide in his office by shooting himself with a revolver.

The Queensland Government has decided to stop further immigration into the colony on the completion of the present course of unemployment, to the present large number of unemployed.

In celebration of the Pope's birthday, the Curia waited upon him on Tuesday with their congratulations. In reply, the Pope said that what the nations now wanted was the robust faith of the time of Innocent III.

The will of Major George Carpenter, which has just been proved, bequeaths to his widow the sum of £5,000, apart from her marriage settlements. The personal estate amounts to about £67,000.

At the Mansion House Police Court, Donald Fryer was summoned for aiding and abetting Lizzie Finch, on the occasion of a sale won by retail, and on having a license. The Lord Mayor fined a fine of £20 in each case.

The Austrian Emperor has commuted the sentence of death passed upon Carl Fuchszeb, landowner of Znaim, for the murder of his sister, into penal servitude for life.

The vestry of St. Pancras have given notice of the withdrawal of their deposited bill under which they asked for powers to raise £300,000 for the electric lighting of the whole of the parish.

Sir William Harcourt, speaking at Blackheath, said the Government do not need to cry for a dissolution of the Government was organizing itself. He had never seen a double-faced party go to pieces with such exemplary alacrity.

A clergyman, of Adrian, a town in Michigan, created a sensation by announcing from his pulpit that, the night before, disguised, he had made the rounds of the principal saloons and gambling houses, and at each one had found members of his congregation.

The United States Supreme Court have given judgment in the case of the scales, the W. P. Snyward. The decision was in favour of the United States, the court refusing the petition for a writ of prohibition against the Alaska Court.

At a special general meeting of the London Chamber of Commerce, Sir A. Rolitt, M.P., presiding, a resolution was passed in favour of distinguishing from the outset commercial and non-commercial actions, and of the latter being tried in courts devoted exclusively to such matters by specially appointed judges.

In a Bohemian village last week a couple were married on the same day that the bridegroom's parents celebrated their silver wedding and his grandparents their golden wedding. Also, on that day, a diamond wedding was celebrated at Heiligenkreuz near Vienna.

At a recent ball given in New York, Miss Astor, the sensation of the evening was the turning loose of a lot of tin alligator paper machier roosters, and other automata, toys of the nursery, by the girl before whom she took as his partner the girl before whom she only came to a halt when its machinery ran down.

As four miners were being lowered down the shaft at the Crow Orchard Colliery, Skelmersdale, the top and down cages lifted, and the men were thrown out, falling a distance of eighty yards. Two of the men were instantaneously killed, a third died soon afterwards, and the fourth is not expected to live.

Two of the boiler furnaces of the cruiser Hogue, at Devonport, have been found to be badly cracked, and the cruiser recently underwent a satisfactory trial, and it is understood that the furnaces could not stand the severest heat during the four hours' test. An investigation is being made, and it is believed the furnaces will have to be renewed.

Prince Bismarck has again stated his determination not to take his seat in the Prussian Upper House, "as he had no content on of serving as a buffer between the Government and the Parties in the Reichstag." He added that he would look upon such a position as the "contaminated parties of Germany, even if they were to take the place of other like the killyenay leaving only their tails."

At Wills Assizes, held at Devizes, Charles Johnson, 65, formerly a solicitor practising in the neighbourhood, and John Merriock, clerk, were sentenced, the former to seven years and the latter to three years penal servitude, for forging and uttering a cheque for £450 on the Wills and Lorton Bank, Westbury, Wills, in the name of Mr. W. L. Laverick, of Leighton.

It was reported that a mountain of onyx had been discovered in Mexico, about thirty miles from El Paso. It is said to be of a superlative, fine-grained and beautifully marked with calico streaks of variegated color, blended across the face of the stone. The mineral, it is claimed, scales off in lamellae, making it possible to sell it as such as common stone.

The 100th anniversary of the birth of Rossini was celebrated on Monday in several parts of Italy, and especially at Pesaro, his birthplace. At Pesaro, the home of the composer, a performance of "William Tell" was given in the Opera House. Mada Alboni, the creator of the contralto part, sang several of the great composer's works, and "Non più mesta" at a gathering of friends at her house.

An impressive scene was witnessed at Brighton in connection with the funeral of the late Nye Chart. The route from the parish church and thence to the cemetery was lined on either side with people. Most of the floral tributes came from the local theatre proprietors and lessees in London and the provinces. Mrs. Chart is buried in the same grave as her account of husband.

The receipts on account of revenue from the 1st of April, 1891, when there was a balance of £25,370,837, to February 27th, 1892, are £31,395,699, against £31,397,558 in the corresponding period of the preceding financial year, which began with a balance of £23,202,261. The net expenditure was £23,017,656, against £27,139,013 to the date in the previous year. The Treasury balances on February 27th, 1892, amounted to £2,762,211, and at the same date in 1891 to £2,762,510.

James Parker, market gardener, with driving home from Eastbourne on Tuesday night, was crossing the Brighton Company line, when he was killed by his vehicle was struck by a pilot engine. The cart was wrecked, the horse killed, and Parker sustaining a shock, though he was out of the vehicle at the time. He brought an action against the railway company, the jury awarding a plaintiff £200 compensation. Mr. John Mathew refused to grant a stay of execution.

Authority of the true owner.

During February the officials of Edinburg seized 38,600 lb of diseased meat.

There were 302 deaths in Edinburg during February.

The Yeomanry has now dropped down to a little over 14,000 men, or about 11,000 "efficient."

There were 98,438 paupers—61,516 indoor and 36,948 outdoor—in London in the second week of February.

While James Farr, a Glasgow butcher, was sending the steers at his house he fell backwards and was killed.

The Liverpool City Council has, by 21 votes to 3, passed a resolution petitioning Parliament in favour of a direct vote on licences.

When the last mail left Bombay it took 1,321 rupees to buy £200 sterling in gold. This is the lowest point yet reached.

A set of one large and four small Elizabethan salt-cellars in the South Kensington Museum, weighing 100 ounces, cost £2,100.

In Coffee of the low price of cotton, a farmer in Coffee county, Ga., burned his crop of it, and then committed suicide.

A pedlar was killed in the village of Loretto, Ontario, by a pole out of bolsterment in a bar-room, who cut up the body of the pedlar.

For the 18th time his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales was in Grand Lodge unanimously elected Grand Master of English Freemasons.

Ellsworth Falls, a little place in Maine, has been the scene of a terrible tragedy. Everett Fernald, 23 years of age, shot his lover and then blew his own brains out.

Two druggists, named Poole and Sapp, fought a duel near San Diego, California, and Sapp is an old quarrel. Poole was killed, and Sapp is in goal to answer for murder.

In Chicago 1,967 persons died of typhoid fever during the year 1891, an average of four on each day, and this great mortality is ascribed to the drinking water.

In Chelsea, the rates on a £350 house for the three years of the county council's work have been £93, £90, and £89; on a Bethnal Green house of the same valuation, £110, £102, and £105.

A Windsor correspondent states that the remains of the late Duke of Clarence will not be moved from Windsor, but will be interred in the Memorial Chapel, where the coffin now rests.

During a dance at New Baden, Illinois, a fight occurred, in which pistols and knives were used. Two young men were fatally wounded and several other persons were seriously hurt.

Mrs. John Burt died at Reading, in the United States, from a dose of laudanum taken with suicidal intent. She had loaned some money which her husband gave her to pay bills with.

At a Catholic convent in Fort Berthold, New Delaware, all the girls, including the superior, are Indians, and the spiritual director is a priest of Mohawk descent.

A sum of £2,000 and another of £1,000 have been promised towards the building of a chapel for Selwyn College, Cambridge, on condition that the remaining £5,000 required for the chapel is raised by gifts of not less than £1,000 within the year.

The United States officials in Mobile, Alabama, have broken up a conspiracy by which the Government was to be defrauded of thousands of dollars in wine fees and other taxes. The persons who have brought prosecutions for cutting timber of public lands.

Miss Ellen Terry has been suffering from partial extinction of voice, an inconvenience rather than a malady, with which she has more than once been seized before, and which usually passes off after a few days' rest.

A wealthy Maine man who recently got married made for all his property to his wife, a mark of affection for her. Soon afterwards she was suddenly taken ill, and before she could make a will, she died. It now said that all her property will go to her brother.

The death is announced of Count Frederic de La Rochefoucauld. The venerable lord, who has reached his 92d year, was the daughter of the famous adventurer, the Duke of Courtenay. She married in 1855 the Duke of La Rochefoucauld, and has been a widow many years.

A movement is on foot to present a permanent memorial of the late Cardinal Manning to his old college (Balliol), and negotiations have been opened with Mr. Goldsbrough Anderson for the purchase of a portrait of the cardinal was sitting up to within a few days of his death.

Mr. Bartley has undertaken to move an address to the Queen proposed by the United States of America, the proposed Greek University has not confirmed. It is said that he will be supported by a Mandelstam, Mr. Chamberlain, and other conservative members.

Lord Justice Coleridge opened the Carlisle Grand Jury on Wednesday. In the opening address he said that a question raised in the Carlisle Grand Jury was the Lord Chancellor, and himself, as to the administration of justice, was being considered by the judge, who, in addition to their regular duties, were sitting four days a week all this year. Important and serious questions had been brought before them, but it was not advisable to say at present what those questions were.

Mr. Justice Denman has been "recorded" in brevity of summing-up. It is said that he was damaged through a stroke. Witnesses gave, of course, contradictory accounts of the accident; but what was finished, and counsel had laboured to represent the facts to suit the case of the respective clients. Mr. Justice Denman, turning to the jury said: "How much?" And jury, with almost equal promptitude, replied "Just."

Justice Denman had once before his witness who stated him was only a "local demon." He wished to say that the doctor who attended him was only a "local demon," but persisted in calling him a "demon." Even when the proper phrase was put to him three or four times he stuck to his own version as the real one, and the witness-box fully persuaded that medical practitioner who declares for another is a "local demon."

Mrs. Barkly, of whom the Queen granted a suite of apartments in Hampton Palace, is the widow of Mr. Arthur Stuart Barkly, a member of the Colonial Service, who, after serving as administrator of the Seychelles and governor of the Falkland Islands, was appointed governor of the German colony of Kamerun in 1890. He was an excellent general as well as a future, who was taken ill and died unexpectedly.

When a woman, cooperating with a

This has been sent to feed Europe.

The most effective way to "down one's sorrow in drink" is to jump into the ocean.

Capt. Perinval, aide-de-camp to the late Duke of Albany, and one of the best known residents in Cannes, died suddenly on Tuesday night.

It is believed in Vienna that Franz Schneider will be executed within the next few days, and that the sentence of death passed on his wife, Rosalie Schneider, will be commuted to penal servitude for life.

The Queen has subscribed £50 towards the fund for defraying the expenses of the English section at the forthcoming International Musical and Dramatic Exhibition in Vienna, to be opened in May.

Notwithstanding Count Carnier's strong appeal on behalf of the German naval estates, the Reichstag declined to pass them, and the Government thus sustained defeat.

The recent violent storms in the Baltic have, as frequently on similar occasions formerly, washed very large pieces of amber on shore. The largest weighs 4½ lb. It has been sent to the famous collection at Königsberg. It is second in size only to one piece there which weighs more than 11 lb.

The Rev. James Kelly, incumbent of St. George's Church, Liverpool, died on Wednesday from congestion of the lungs. Deceased who was 53 years of age, was widely known for his frequent appearances before the law courts, where he always conducted his own case, and was frequently ordered out of court by the judges.

As a way of giving thanks for the merciful voicing to him by the birth of a grand child, and the recovery of his daughter and son-in-law, the Emperor of Austria has granted seventy-three free pardons to prisoners in different houses of detention. All the prisoners had merited clemency by their good behaviour during imprisonment.

A splendid funeral wreath, presented by authorities at St. Petersburg to the consuls of the Subapostolic at home to the Russian consuls of 1833-36, arrived at St. Petersburg February 14th. There was service in the church, where the wreath was blessed and speeches were made by the Governor and Adj. Gay, keeper of the French cemetery. They extolled the heroism of the French and Russian soldiers who fell in the Crimea, and expressed confidence in the lasting friendship of the two nations.

"Are women growing vulgar?" asks *Heard and How*. We believe they are. But a wee bit of vulgarity is generally regarded as a good thing nowadays, when the Duke of Piccadilly warbles "Knocked 'em in the Old Kent-road" before a select gathering of friends, and Lord Algernon Montagu struggles through the intricacies of a "cell flap" for the detection of his "pala." If a lady cannot be vulgar without losing the point, and this was evidently the opinion of the Bernese lady gentleman, who remarked "his" "donah" that "she was a perfect lady but would say 'blimy'."

A notice has been issued by order of the Postmaster-General stating that parcels are now accepted for transmission to the Transvaal (South African Republic), via Cape Town. Parcels for that State have hitherto been accepted for transmission as far as Cape Colony only, their conveyance thence to destination being at the cost of the addresser. Under the new arrangement, however, the senders of parcels will be able, by prepayment of the postage, to cover the cost of conveyance as far as the place of destination, and the detention of parcels at Cape Town will be now arranged.

BEGIN WITH THE BLOOD.

"One of us has quite pure blood. No, not one." The blood is purified (1) by Arsenic, Mercury, and Iodine. But the mischief of it! The stomach is upset, nerves set on an edge, the bones permeated by acids, and constitution shakes to pieces. The remedy is as bad or worse than the disease.

Fraser's Sulphur Tablets have no poisons in them. Not to injure, only simple and purifying ingredients, of the efficacy. A child may take them with safety. Moreover, are also to the taste.

Pure blood is a life-giving delight. It is health, real health and strength, free from pimples, spots, nose-itch, and all such.

Have pure blood internally and use a really good soap—Fraser's Sulphur Soap—externally, and you can also skin and a good complexion.

It is a mistake to suppose that a good skin or a clear complexion can be secured by Soap alone. It cannot. A person—Fraser's Sulphur Soap is an invaluable aid to beauty, but the first essential is pure blood. This must be forgotten. If we don't have the blood quite pure, the skin must get it as pure as we can.

A man wants a clear skin and a wholesome complexion. Hence if he be bloated, pimply, or disfigured, use Fraser's Sulphur Soap internally and use Fraser's Sulphur Soap externally.

A woman needs a good complexion, and she happily deserves and her charm to the other sex much less. Let the woman take Fraser's Sulphur Tablets internally and use Fraser's Sulphur Soap externally.

A child for its health sake needs a real skin free from all skin-itch, and a blood free from the taint of liver and digestive germs. Let the child take Fraser's Sulphur Tablets internally and use Fraser's Sulphur Soap externally.

Fraser's Sulphur Tablets used internally cleanse the blood, pure blood that holds diseases at bay and health.

Fraser's Sulphur Soap renders the skin soft, supple, smooth, neither drying the oils of the skin, nor shrivelling the same, nor splitting the hairs. It is a mild cleanser, extra bland, and is free from traces of alkali. It is simply and truly the best of all soaps.

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Sample of Fraser's Sulphur Tablets for internal use.

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Pure blood is a life-long delight. It is health, real health and strength, free from pimples, spots, sores, scabs.

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A man wants a clear skin and a wholesome complexion. Wise if he be bloated, pimply, or disfigured, use right shy of dealing with him. Let the man use Fraser's Sulphur Tablets internally and use Fraser's Sulphur Soap externally.

A woman needs a good complexion, also her happiness decreased and her charm to the other sex much less. Let the woman take Fraser's Sulphur Tablets internally and use Fraser's Sulphur Soap externally.

A child for its health sake needs a rosy skin free from eruptions, and a blood free from the taint of various infectious germs. Let the child take Fraser's Sulphur Tablets internally and use Fraser's Sulphur Soap externally.

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TURF, FIELD, AND RIVER.

ST. LARRY LYNX.

Many years ago no little confusion was engendered concerning the age of a racehorse. In 1841 Coronation won the Derby, and, curious to relate, he had previously (in the March of the same year) run and won as a two-year-old the Trial Stakes at the Warwick Spring Meeting. This leads to modern racing being curious, but it is easily explained, as at Warwick the runners at that time took their ages from the list of May, while, according to the Jockey Club rules, made in April, 1833, horses were considered at Newmarket as taking their ages from the list of January instead of the list of May. Read by recent lights it is curious indeed to reflect that a fifty-year-old horse could be a year-and-a-half and a three-year-old in the same year. As matters stand at present the age of a horse is reckoned as beginning on the 1st of January in the year in which he is foaled. The proposition of Gen. Owen Williams to alter No. 92 of the rules of racing, so that a horse's age shall be calculated from March 1st instead of from January 1st, which he will bring before the Jockey Club during the First Spring Meeting—not the "Craven," as I inadvertently announced last week—is in every way a most common-sense one. The present tendency to breed foals so that they are born in the most inclement season of the year, combined with the too over-early start of racing, has so greatly weakened the constitution of the British thoroughbred. We have no more roaring and unsound horses running than ever we had, and early breeding and racing is a strong cause of the evil. Gen. Owen Williams proposes nothing that is new, as most good judges think that late foals are the best, and that two-year-old racing should begin, say, in May instead of March. Another alteration Gen. Williams will suggest is to insert in Rule 64 that two-year-olds shall not run for a mile race before October. That these resolutions will be carried is much to be hoped for, as the interests of the English racehorse are so directly involved on their becoming law.

Before the Newmarket Spring Meeting takes place there will come a change to the Jockey Club, for Prince Soltykoff retires by rotation in the Craven week, and nominates his successor. Most men hope that Lord March will, as rumour says, return to office, as his firmness and fairness contributed in no small degree to the cleansing of the Aquean stables, which took place during the latter part of his reign, a little over a year ago.

The proposed straight mile rule of the Epsom course is in danger, as the proposed Epsom Downs Extension Railway will attempt to cut right through that portion of the North Park estate necessary for the completion of the new mile. Among the petitions lodged at the Private Bill Office at the House of Commons is one against the new railway, and those who are interested in the Epsom straight mile should make a note thereof.

The two days' racing at Leicester were not altogether of an enjoyable description, as those who repaired to the Oadby course had to put up with a miniature blizzard each day. On Tuesday The King, who had been favourably regarded as a real good Grand National outsider, twice disgraced himself by his performances in the Oadby Steeplechase and the Gossall Hurdle. Since the outbreak of the Hay in the Maiden Hurdle Race Plate he cut quite an ignominious figure. Mr. Gibbs's hunter having thrice made sorry displays, his chances of obtaining National honours look very remote indeed. At the same time he is a rare good hunter when in the mood, and can both gallop fast and stay, and jump cleverly into the bargain.

To begin, however, at the beginning of the Leicester fixture Mr. York, who had not been seen in the saddle since his mishap at Donstall Park, opened the ball by picking Four Poster to victory in the Taptan Flat Race, and his only true opponent, the much-fought-for and Four Poster, however, had no pace set him, otherwise this handsome son of Isomony would have beaten his opponent's much more easily than he did. Fulkirk, a Manton cast off, was so far as the betting was concerned, fifth in the quotations for the Selling Hurdle Race Plate, but two good favourites in Everist and Sandup, and after winning in a good finish from Aberdare was bought in for 170s. Rensland, who had a mishap at Sandown Park last month, owing to her saddle slipping, never put a foot wrong in the Mappley Steeplechase, although she did not clear her last hurdle in ideal fashion. She, however, recovered herself, and in Captain Roddy's hands she was bought in for 100s. Herward Bound was bought in for 100s. After this we must dismiss The King's chance for National honours. Referring to the other races on Wednesday, Oregon and Oregon fought their Hurdle Race again in the March Hurdle Race, but on almost the same terms. Oregon, who had the better of the weights than on Monday, was first favourite, and Oregon second favourite. The little fancied Blue Peter closed in an exciting finish with Oregon, and the pair ran a dead heat, the decision ending in favour of Blue Peter. On the successes of Musketier, Gossman, and Reliance I need not descant.

Grand National candidates performing in public and private late have not strengthened their chances for the blue riband of the chase. On Monday, at Walton, Billee Taylor was sent to gallop over the Walton fences, and came to grief at the vile regulation ditch, and gave a rider, Captain Bewicke, a nasty fall, but, as it was, he was prevented from being a bad, however, as to prevent the tall captain from riding Homeward Bound on Tuesday, he was sent to gallop over the exercise gallop Billee Taylor later on had

another tumble. Then Ardern, with a lurch in the saddle, came to grief, not that he was a post and rider, but that the steeplechase course on Tuesday, but no harm was done, although the horse's fall does not inspire fresh confidence among his backers. Still he was not hurt, as a good two and a half miles gallop on Wednesday and another useful gallop on Thursday testified. Then again, Flying Column, another Irish Liverpool candidate, won the Newbridge Plate, with Mr. W. Beasley on, on Tuesday, in a close finish with Greek Girl. This daughter of Chippendale incurs no penalty by this victory, and is trained by Messrs. Beasley. Her weight is 10st. 7lb. at Aintree, and if anything goes wrong with Ardern, Flying Column might prove a very efficient substitute, and there is no getting over the fact that the Irish division is very strong this year with Ardern, Flying Column, Fear Not, and Cruiser at the disposal of our Hibernian cousins. Racing men like other mortals, are apt to catch at straws, and after Father O'Flynn's victory in the Wigston Steeplechase, he found backers willing enough to take 1,000 to 60 about his National chance, and as he is a good staying honest jumper he might get the difficult Liverpool country. Swatton's stable is in such form that no surprise need be manifested in the rush to back Cloister. This is, I fear, a moderate way for chasers, and just the season for a horse like Cloister to beat all records. Then, too, there is Beauty in the same stable. Gattani's hand is, of course, weakened by the elimination of Lady Williams' Instinct. The first-named mare's scratching is not difficult to be accounted for, after her recent public and private performances, but Instinct is a horse of another colour. He was always an unsound horse, and hence his elimination.

The Lincolnshire handicap, so far, presents no new names. Prince Hampton remains at the head of the quotations. Corstorphine is the best class horse in the race, and if he is the Corstorphine of old she will about win. The letter C may prove a powerful indicator to the winner of the Lincolnshire Handicap, as Corstorphine, Clarence, Cardona, and Cuttlestone represent a big lot of goods. Cardona was probably the pick of the three-year-olds now that Eucledis is scratched.

Owing to the return of wintry weather there was no racing at Donstall Park, in fact the meeting has been abandoned.

The fight between Stanton Abbott, of London, and Harry Overton, of Birmingham, at the National Sporting Club on Monday night was a splendid example of the science of boxing. In the twelve rounds that were contested, Abbott's superior skill was always apparent, and when Overton, who never ceased to gamely persevere, fell from exhaustion in the twelfth round, there was no doubt about the fact that Stanton Abbott had gained a decisive victory. It was a battle between the London and Birmingham pugilists, and a London victory. It was all the more gratifying to Londoners, for Abbott is such a superior class boxer, and better mannered man than most of his pugilistic contemporaries.

There seems to have been plenty of excitement over the Fitzsimmons and Maher glove fight at New Orleans in America, and there is no doubt that after a horse and determined contest Fitzsimmons had his man nearly settled in the twelfth round, and that Maher was trying to "come again" in the thirteenth, had to give up through weakness. There can, I should imagine, be little doubt that Fitzsimmons is a better class man than Maher, and that it was once more a case of a superior triumph over brute strength. There seems to be something about the climate of Australia which is particularly irksome to Fitzsimmons, as he has been in hospital in Cornwall, but he seems to have become the man he is, through breathing the air of the Antipodes. With the exception of our own Charles Mitchell, who is still a facile princeps as the most scientific boxer of modern times, Australia with Fitzsimmons and Slavin rules the roost in pugilistic circles. The Cornish has been used as a professional rowing, and to complete our insular disgrace, all that is required is for a champion Australian race-horse to lose to the colours of a crack English thoroughbred in a fair and square match. Talking of Mitchell I may mention that, prior to the fight between Fitzsimmons and Maher, he had knocked out a man named Upton, and Slavin administered a thrashing to Vasquelin, who was one of Jake Kilman's dejected antagonists. Altogether the numbers of the Olympic Club, New Orleans, must have had a good time of it on Wednesday night.

London again triumphed over Newcastle-on-Tyne, when on Monday last, R. Harding beat G. Norvell, the Lynside sculler, for stages of £100 on the coaly river.

So Sunderland have disappointed their supporters and admirers after all! Well, well, the best of clubs and the best of men have an "off day" sometimes, and I suppose Sunderland was caught in that fix on Sunday. It is obvious, however, that there is no reason to be gratified before they can attain their highest ambition, and that is funk. They can win beautifully when they are winning, but when they are pressed they are liable to lose their heads. In this match Sunderland had all the best of the game in the first half, although the scoring was even, as the result was a draw. However, Aston Villa quickly scored again, and this seems to have unduly flustered the Wear-siders, for they did not play their game thereafter, whilst the Birmingham men warmed to their work, and finished with four goals to one to their favour.

Aston Villa are to be congratulated upon a very fine performance, and their respectance at the Oval will, amongst Londoners, be a good omen. Beginning the season, Aston Villa seemed likely to carry all before them, showing vastly different form from that of last season; but, as Bolton Wanderers and one or two other teams came along in the style a little later, the Birmingham team dropped back in the League table. By a series of fine games in the competition, however, they were able to rehabilitate themselves as the matter of general reputation is concerned, their best performance prior to Saturday being their defeat of Wolverhampton Wanderers by three goals to one.

The other semi-final, that between West Bromwich Albion and North Forest produced a much closer game. Albion scored in the first half, and the Forest in the second part of the game, so that a draw was the result. Both teams have done sterling work. North Forest having beaten Newcastle East End, Sunderland Albion and Preston North End. West Bromwich Albion began rather badly by making a poor display against a weak team of the Westminsters, whom they beat by two goals to one. In the next round, however, they defeated Rovers, by three goals to one, and afterwards proved successful against Sheffield Wednesday.

The League matches were, I fancy, rather lost sight of by the sporting public, in consequence of the greater excitement over the Cup Competition. A couple of Notts County only just succeeding in defeating Darwen by two goals to one, whilst Accrington, playing at home, achieved a notable victory by a single goal over Blackburn Rovers. On Shrove Tuesday Sunderland showed that they had not altogether lost form by defeating the highly successful Bolton Wanderers in a League match by four goals to one, a precisely similar score, with the balance in favour of the Wanderers, being the result of the match between Wolverhampton Wanderers and Darwen, whilst Notts disposed of Burnley by two goals to one.

Neither Wales nor Scotland, as a rule, come up to England or Scotland at either branch of football. They are usually pretty well matched together, however, and the result of the game under Association rules between the two on Saturday—a draw of a goal each—is fairly typical of the relative strengths of the teams.

Association football is in rather a poor way at both Universities just now, and there are very few first-class exponents of the game in residence. One of the best of them, R. N. C. P. Airt, the well-known Oxford and Somersetshire cricketer, was unable to play owing to an injured knee, and the dark blues were in consequence greatly weakened. The football exhibited at Queen's Club was not of a very exhilarating order, and the attendance did not approach the numbers usually seen at an inter-University football match. Cambridge won a one-sided game by five goals to one—Staubrough and Dewhurst forward, and Gay in goal, being a lot too good for the Oxonians.

Of other Association matches in the south the most interesting was that in which the Royal Arsenal fought Derby County to goal, the score being—Derby four, Arsenal three, and the result a draw. The football between Millwall Athletic and London, a Londonian, in which Millwall were once more successful by the margin of a goal.

Great was the triumph of Southern Rugby-ists on Saturday, when Blackheath for the first time in London, lowered the colours of the redoubtable Bradford team. By their superior strategy, that Blackheath won, such good players as Woods, Evered, Jeffrey Allport, Maud, and Scott rendered capital service in that position. It was fortunate for the home club that they were so well represented forward, for it can scarcely be said that their three-quarter were a dangerous lot. Hubbard scored a big try, and a second try was scored by D. A. Thompson in a scrum on all-round play. But each one did what fell to his share, chiefly tackling and kicking, fairly well, and with Marshall and De Winton outplaying the Yorkshiremen at half, and Jonsson in fine trim at full back, Blackheath were scarcely ever in danger of a pressing character.

The Harlequins made an unexpectedly good fight against the London Scottish, and if their backs had played as well as the forwards they should have won, as it was the London Scottish who by a goal to a try, Richmond made still another step in their journey downwards, permitting R.I.E.C. to beat them by a goal and three tries to all. Scotland gave a strong team of Middlesex Wanderers a closer game than was anticipated, each side gaining a try. Old Leysians sustained still another defeat, Clapham Rovers being this time victorious over them by a goal and two tries to nil. Guy's Hospital went to Coventry and beat the club there by a goal and a try, and Newport, who had appeared last Sunday as a second-rate team, gave a strong team of North Forest a closer game than was anticipated, each side gaining a try. Old Leysians sustained still another defeat, Clapham Rovers being this time victorious over them by a goal and two tries to nil. Guy's Hospital went to Coventry and beat the club there by a goal and a try, and Newport, who had appeared last Sunday as a second-rate team, gave a strong team of North Forest a closer game than was anticipated, each side gaining a try.

Amongst Shrovetide matches, the most interesting were those between Preston North End and Sheffield Wednesday, and Notts Forest and Rotherham Town. Preston went down with a crash, being beaten by Notts Forest, who were a strong team, and Rotherham, which is probably accounted for by extreme carelessness on the part of the Foresters not to unduly exert themselves, in view of their played-up ties. Everton on Tuesday drew with Grimsby Town, a rising organisation.

ERRATA.—In the report of the match at Southall, in the Middlesex Cup competition, between the 2nd Scot. Guards and the 1st Middlesex, it should have been stated that the Guards won by seven goals to nil.

The match between Brighton Rifles and Brighton Lovers, last Saturday, was played at Brighton.

POACHING IN BUSHEY PARK. At the Teddington Police Court, Richard Heywood and Samuel Peplow, labourers, of Teddington, were summoned for trespassing in Bushey Park on the 11th and 19th of February, in search of game and rabbits. Thomas Harbrey, a labourer, of Southall, said he was on the park on Feb. 11th, when he saw Heywood and six other men in the Round Cover, where there is a large quantity of game, and as soon as he saw him they hid themselves behind some bushes. He informed the head-keeper, and when he returned with him they saw the men in the Canal Cover. The men ran away, and the witness followed them until they got to the park wall. Heywood clambered up the wall, and sat on the top, the other men following his example, and dropping down on the other side. Heywood had a large stone in his hand, and threatened to knock the witness's brains out with it if he came near him. Heywood, on the 19th of February, saw Heywood again in the Canal Cover, Peplow being along with him. He said to Heywood, "Hello, you are here again," and he replied, "Yes, we have not been in there long, but we haven't got anything. We must do something for a living, for we haven't had any work lately." In the Round Cover there were marks of corried trousers on the ground, and one rabbit hole, and in the Canal Cover they found a stick with rabbit fluid adhering to it.

Mr. Walter Holterton, a mining engineer, living at Hampton, said he joined in pursuit of the men on the 11th, and had nearly reached Heywood when the latter stopped and looked dangerous, and the witness stopped also. He saw the men clamber over the wall, and heard Heywood threaten the previous witness. Mr. Holterton, head-keeper in Bushey Park, gave corroborative evidence, and added that of late poaching had been carried on to a considerable extent in the park.—The magistrates fined Heywood 41 and Peplow 10s., including costs, or fourteen days' imprisonment in default.

THE BLACKMAILING CASE.

EVIDENCE OF EARL RUSSELL. ACCUSED COMMITTED FOR TRIAL. Sir John Bridge resumed for the third time the hearing of the charges recently brought against Maitland Francis Morland, of 28, St. John-street, Oxford, who is described in the charge as a tutor, and as being 65 years of age. It is alleged by the prosecution in the prisoner attempted to obtain from Henry James, Lord Hothfield, the sum of £20 and other moneys by false pretences. Mr. George Lewis appeared on behalf of Lord Hothfield, at whose instance proceedings had been taken against the prisoner, and Mr. John Bridge in the extradition Court at Bow-street, among those present being the prosecutor, Mr. Labouchere, and Earl Russell. Since last week's proceedings a further charge of obtaining money from Earl Russell by means of a letter, and of the same nature, and this charge formed the main subject of the adjourned inquiry.

EARL RUSSELL'S EVIDENCE. John Francis Stanley, Earl Russell, was the first witness called, and was examined by Mr. George Lewis. He said: I live at Amberley Cottage, Maidenhead. In February, 1888, the prisoner was a stranger to me; nor had I ever seen Ruth Morland or anybody connected with the prisoner, either directly or indirectly. In that month I received a letter which I destroyed within two or three days after getting it. It was similar to that addressed to Lord Hothfield, professing to come from a young and fascinating widow who, on account of having become security for a friend, was compelled to raise money. She told me that I could see her privately at her house in Oxford at any time, and as I was in the habit of writing the same handwriting as the letter addressed to Lord Hothfield (produced), and practically contained the same statements, except that as to the Princess of Wales. The name and address enclosed on a piece of paper were Mr. Morland, St. John-street, Oxford. 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